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Re: Witherspoon v. State, No. 460, 1999

Dear Mr. Witherspoon:

This is in response to your letters dated September 4 and September 7 requesting materials.

Enclosed is a copy of the file. Also enclosed is a copy of 11 *Del. C.* §301. I do not have a copy of the post-conviction form that you requested. The Superior Court Prothonotary (Clerk) provides that form on request. If you request it, they should send it to you.

The Public Defender's Office no longer represents you and we cannot continue to provide any additional legal research materials to you in the future. It is the responsibility of the State responsible for a prisoner's incarceration to provide adequate access to legal material while a prisoner is representing himself before the courts, but the State does not have to provide unlimited legal materials to an incarcerated prisoner. *Abdul-Akbar v. Watson*, 901 F.2d 329, 334-35 (3d Cir.), cert. denied, 498 U.S. 806, 111 S. Ct. 237, 112 L.Ed.2d 196 (1990), on remand, 775 F.Supp 735, 4 F.3d 195 (1993).



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Re: Witherspoon v. State, No. 460, 1999

Dear Mr. Witherspoon:

Enclosed is a copy of section 301 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code. It was omitted from the materials sent to you previously. This is also to remind you that I cannot send you any more legal materials because you are no longer represented by the Public Defender's Office.

Very truly yours,

Bernard J. O'Donnell

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Re: Witherspoon v. State, No. 460, 1999

Dear Mr. Witherspoon:

This is in response to your letter of July 18. I am forwarding several of the items that you requested. I cannot provide anything else in the future. It is the responsibility of the State responsible for a prisoner's incarceration to provide adequate access to legal material while a prisoner is representing himself before the courts.

Very truly yours,

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